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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 09 MAY 2007

VIA EFS M/S AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is submitted as a complete reply to the Office action dated 09 May 2007, for which a three month time for response was provided. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed with a two-month extension of time, petition and fee for which are submitted herewith. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and the following Remarks and the accompanying Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132.